(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated under this scheme to Chhattisgarh, Mahdhya Pradesh and Orissa during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Funds are not allocated State-wise. Instead, funds are released to the Composite Regional Centres and District Rehabilitation Centres in the States.

Rise in atrocities on SC/ST

3679. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land related atrocities on SCs/STs have been increasing in the country, as per the report of the Ministry;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry is addressing these issues within the framework of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The data specifically in regard to land related offences of atrocities is not maintained by this Ministry. However, the cases registered under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) **Act,** 1989 was 31,387 cases in the year 2005 and 32,407 in the year 2006.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has been addressing the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to implement provisions of the Act in letter and spirit. The suggested measures include sensitization of investigating officers, timely registration of First Information Report as well as filing of charge sheets in the courts, organising mass awareness generation programmes, effective redressal of land disputes and evolving a special package for development of identified atrocity prone areas. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, due central assistance is also provided to State Governments and Union Territory Administrations mainly for strengthening of the enforcement and judicial machinery, incentive for inter caste marriages, awareness generation and relief and rehabilitation of the affected persons.

Implementation of tribal land rights

†3680. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of law regarding the land rights of tribal people;

(b) the details of **the** plans of Government for its implementation region-wise;

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